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ATTACHMENT 8

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To: State Board of Fire Services

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Subject/Agenda Action Item:

Update regarding the implementation of Senate Bill 1394 (Lowenthal). This is for information only and no action is required.

Recommended Actions: NA

Background Information:

Senate Bill 1394 (Lowenthal) was chaptered into law on September 21, 2012. This new law would require that, commencing January 1, 2014, in order to be approved and listed by the CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), a smoke alarm shall display the date of manufacture on the device, provide a place on the device where the date of installation can be written, incorporate a hush feature, incorporate an end-of-life feature that provides notice that the device needs to be replaced, and, if battery operated, contain a non-replaceable, non-removable battery with a minimum 10-year life.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

The OSFM is working with the Fire Alarm Advisory Committee, the fire alarm industry, the fire service, and the Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) to prepare regulations to implement the Building Material Listing Program requirements for SB 1394. The OSFM has identified several issues regarding this new law and we are currently working with the sponsor on the bill, the California State Firefighters Association (CSFA), through our Legislative Office to assist with clean-up language.

Currently, the regulations package has been promulgated is on its way through the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). If the clean-up bill passes and is signed by Governor Brown, we will make the language adjustment through the 45 days comments period.